

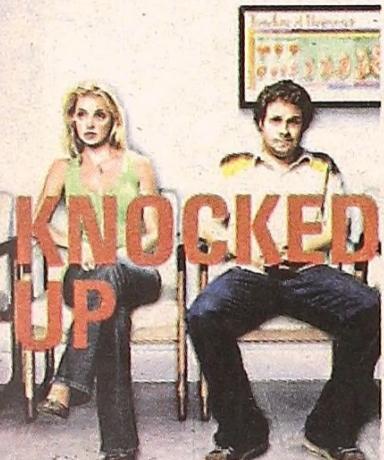


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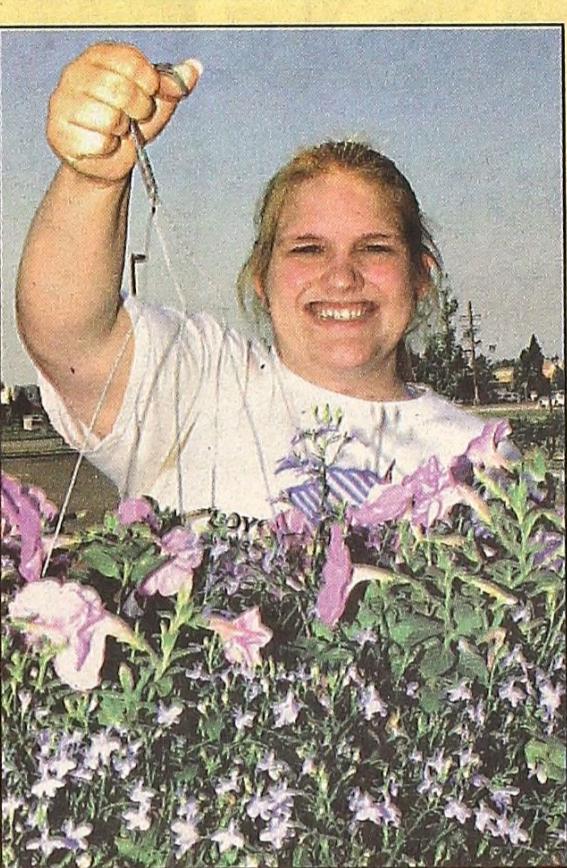
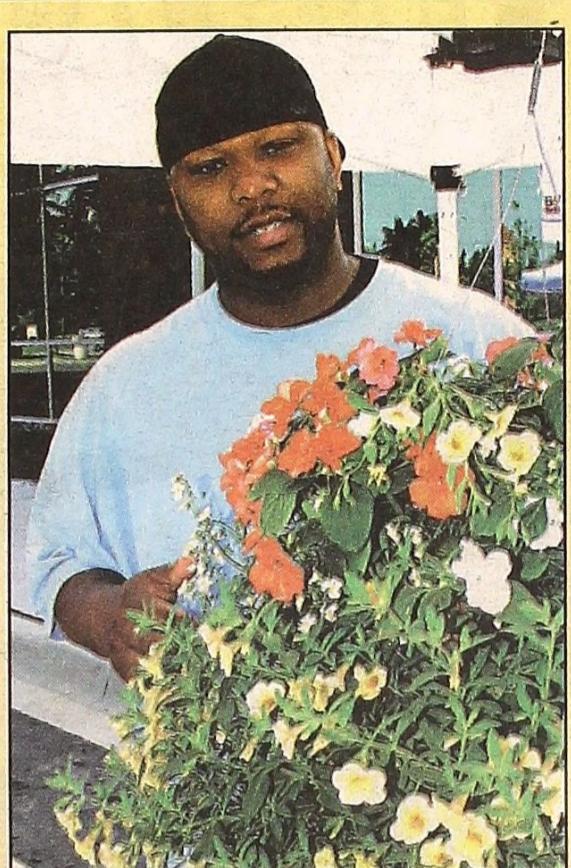
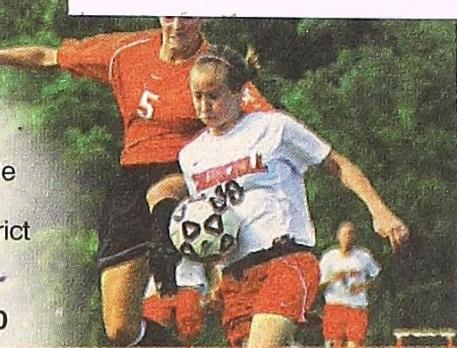
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Members of the Boys and Girls Club joined with employees of the Public Service Credit Union in Romulus for a flower sale and fundraiser to benefit the non-profit group's activities in the city last Saturday. At last count, the students and employees generated about \$500 to pay for supplies and other needed items during the sale. Above, Jarrod Spencer enjoys annual flowers in a potted hanger, along with Tiffany Motsch (above, right) and Assha Matthews (left). From 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. tomorrow, the credit union will sponsor an Adopt-A-Pet Day to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter. The facility is located at 7665 Merriman Road.

## Church opens food pantry for needy

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Citing the need for food among families struggling with job loss and other economic challenges, a Romulus church is opening a food pantry for needy residents on June 12.

Congregants at the Community United Methodist Church on Olive Street have been donating money and food for about two months, and the fully-stocked room at the building is overflowing with food for individuals and families who need help and are willing to undergo education and training to help them work through their financial troubles, said Lynne

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Laramee, of the church.

"We've noticed the need among families in the community escalate during the past few years and decided to do something about it," said Laramee. "The need for food is something fundamental in every community."

The faltering statewide economy has created more families

who are unable to meet needs they previously never had trouble coping with in the past, Laramee added.

The pantry will operate in a similar manner to other church-based food banks. Laramee said people who apply for assistance will must

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City bucks  
county  
population  
trend

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Romulus has bucked what appears to be a disturbing trend in Wayne County by showing gains in overall population.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), showed in recently released study that the population in Romulus has increased from 22,979 residents in 2000 to 24,131 in May 2007.

According to the study, a slow progression of losses ensued as the fortunes of the automotive industry changed for the worse. It's a trend that's likely to continue for at least a few more years, said Sirisha Uppalapati, a data analyst from SEMCOG.

"Wayne County is an exception and has lost a lot of population," she said. "When you look at when those numbers started to change – when people started to move away – it does correlate with the decline in the auto industry."

Of the 43 municipalities in Wayne County, Romulus is one of 12 that has experienced steady population loss, Uppalapati said.

"Some of the communities that did see increases were places where people of child-bearing age have wanted to move in," she said. "It's hard to definitively say why other municipalities went down, though."

Other communities in Wayne County did see an increase in the number of residents, including Brownstown Township, which saw a 27.1 increase, Canton Township, which saw a 10.2 increase, Gibraltar, which saw a 16 percent increase, Huron Township, which increased the number of residents by 17.2 percent, and Northville Township, which saw an increase of 25.6 percent.

Communities that endured major losses include Detroit, which lost 11.1 percent; Highland Park, which lost 5.8 percent; Ecorse, which lost 7.1

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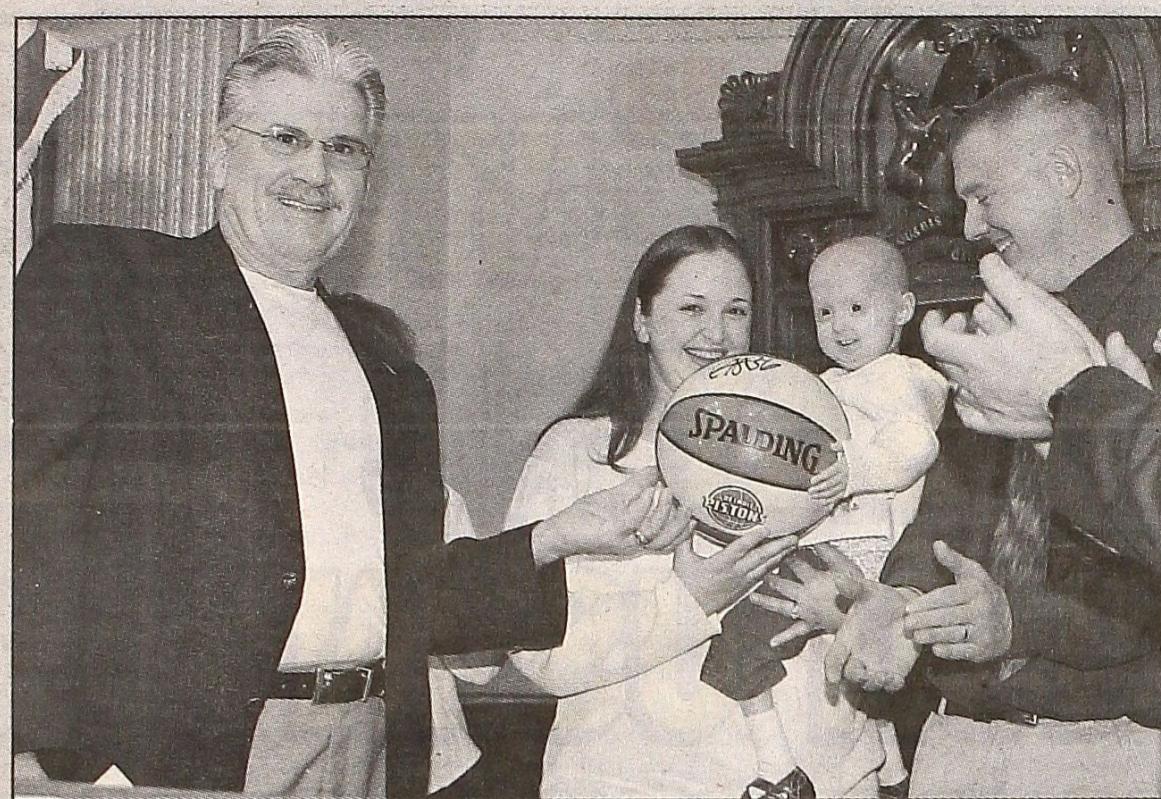
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## Tip off

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) presented a senate resolution recently commemorating May 12-19, 2007, as Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome Awareness Week in the State of Michigan. The bill also named Lindsay Ratcliffe (shown here with Basham and her parents, Kristy and Joe) as Michigan Progeria Ambassador. Progeria is a genetic condition that afflicts children and causes rapid, uncontrolled aging. A huge Rasheed Wallace fan, Lindsay was also honored by the Detroit Pistons, and was presented with a Pistons basketball autographed by 'Sheed.'

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bring proof of residency and income. Residency proof consists of a valid state identification card, a driver's license, or a passport.

After volunteers at the food bank approve a family or individual, they will told how much food they can "shop" for at the pantry, based on their needs.

"We're operating this in an open environment, so they can choose from what we have," Laramee said. "We felt strongly that people should be able to make a choice."

Though there is assistance for people who are in need of additional resources to feed their families, they often fall short of what families need in the real world, said Laramee.

"A Bridge Card often doesn't cover a month's worth of food," she said. Receiving benefits

*We have some good shoppers who can help (applicants) stretch their food budget," she said. "We're going to teach them how to do that.*

**Lynne Laramee**

through the Bridge program will not disqualify the applicant, Laramee added.

The church program aims to be more comprehensive for people with financial difficulties.

Those who apply for food will be asked to undergo training to help them manage their food budget, and can also take part in job seminars, financial planning and other workshops designed to help them cope with their circumstances.

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pers who can help (applicants) stretch their food budget," she said. "We're going to teach them how to do that."

On June 26, the church will be present a special workshop entitled, "Saving Money/Making Money," as part of an ongoing educational opportunities for food pantry registrants. The workshop will cover the nuts and bolts of rebates and how to find web sites that cater to people who want to save money. Reservations are required to take part in the workshop.

Registration and orientation for the new food pantry will take place from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, June 12 and on Tuesday, June 26.

There will be a limit on the number of people who can be served, once church volunteers know the level of interest in the program.

To make reservations, please call the church office between 9 a.m. and noon Monday - Friday at (734) 941-0736.

"Getting more families is one of the reasons we tried so hard to get the new recreation building," he said. "I think it's going to be a plus for us going forward. I'd still like to see more residential development."

The SEMCOG study shows that the Southeast Michigan municipalities with largest increase or decrease are not in Wayne County. New Haven - which is in northern Macomb County - had a 72 percent increase in population from 3,071 people to 5,301.

Royal Oak Township, which is located in Oakland County, had the steepest drop. It declined in population from 5,446 to 2,689, or 51 percent.

Of the seven counties that make up the region, Livingston County posted the biggest gain of 22.5 percent.

To review the numbers on line, visit [www.semcog.org](http://www.semcog.org)

## Residents

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percent, Garden City, which lost 7.9 percent, and Riverview, which lost 8.6 percent.

The numbers for Romulus stand in stark contrast to the average for Wayne County, which saw a 5.6 percent loss of residents, or about 116,000 people.

Councilman William Crova said he's not surprised Romulus posted good numbers given the amount of time and energy city officials put into getting new developments in the city proper.

"We've been trying to get more rooftops in our city for years," he said. "We had that in mind as we looked for new projects, and it's one of the reasons we don't have the commercial development that we'd like to

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**Councilman William Crova**

see. We wanted the community to be more family-friendly, and that, of course, brings in population."

Crova also said it was a good move on the part of the city to support continued growth with municipal developments like the new senior center and soon-to-be-open recreation center.

# Van Buren man aboard plane

**Andrea King**  
Staff Writer

Rick Lapensee of Van Buren Township will always be remembered for his love of helping people through his work in the medical field.

"I've known him for a long time. He was extremely involved with his kids, family and public safety," said Cindy King, supervisor of Van Buren Township and family friend. "He was such a nice guy with a great sense of humor."

Lapensee, 48, is reported to have died Monday during a plane crash in Lake Michigan. It was returning to the Willow Run Airport for a University of Michigan organ transplant.

As of Tuesday, Mr. Lapensee was one of the six men aboard the plane that was determined an unsurvivable crash, according to officials.

Mr. Lapensee, whose parents still reside in the township, was married for 23 years to his wife, Claudia. They have sons, 18 and 14.

Mr. Lapensee started his career in the Van Buren Township Fire Department in 1978 as a paid on-call firefighter. He was then promoted to lieutenant in 1983 and later a captain in 1996. Lapensee resigned in 1998 before

becoming a full-time firefighter with the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department, as well as working as an emergency medical technician.

"Public safety was certainly in his blood," said King. "He participated in numerous training with Van Buren; too many to even list."

Lt. Dan Besson, of the Van Buren Township Fire Department, trained with Lapensee in 1994.

"It's a sad day," Besson said. "Obviously, we were very proud of his work at the survival flight and at the Ypsilanti Fire Department. Those who served with him are deeply saddened by his sudden loss. Please keep him and the rest of the people affected by the crash in your thoughts and prayers."

Mr. Lapensee was also a former lifeguard at Van Buren Park and a member of the township Public Safety Committee from 2001-2004.

"Our kids used to play soccer together so I really got to be good friends with him and his wife," said King.

"I think he'll be remembered in Van Buren fondly. He was a good member of the community who served it well and really cared about his profession."

## News in brief

### Chamber hosts special guest

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host Greg Scheper of Bear Creek Construction at the monthly business luncheon June 19.

Bear Creek is engaged in the planning process for several projects in the city. The theme of the luncheon will be overall development in the city, and the role of business in that quest.

The event will take place at Leonardo's in Romulus.

Reservations are required.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

### Summer reading program under way

Students of all ages are invited to escape this summer to interesting places through reading.

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program will begin this week. Activities are designed to appeal to students of all ages. The program will continue until July 31.

Registration began Monday, and activities will begin at 1 p.m. when musician Beverly Myers presents "The Music Lady Presents: The Musical Mystery Tour," on June 19.

All other activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

June 27 - The M.J. Cooper Puppet Show;

July 3 - Basic Yoga Postures with Erica;

July 11 - Storyteller Tonya Dallas will spin tales about Anansi the spider;

July 17 - Chris Measzros, the man of 1,000 voices, presents, "It's a Mystery";

July 25 - The Super Science Program will provide experiments for students; and

July 31 - Awards presentation for students who read the most.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

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# OPINION

## Time for change

Members of the Senate Government Operations Committee were set to meet on Tuesday to discuss—among other things—the possibility of a part-time Legislature in Lansing.

The details of that hearing weren't known when The Journal Newspapers went to press, but we already like the idea.

Let's face it: legislators in Lansing haven't done much to show they need to be there full-time.

Michigan is in the minority when it comes to states with a full-time Legislature, too. When it comes time to look at cutting the cost of government, this makes perfect sense in the terms of potential salary savings.

Such a move is more plausible—and better for Michigan residents—than another concept that has come up recently: the abolition of township government. That will only serve to take government further from the hands and voices of residents, diminish local authority and add to state and county bureaucracy. When people complain about the inefficiencies of government—at least in our proverbial neck of the woods—they're not talking about the locals. They're talking about a slow-moving county government or an impenetrable state one.

A move toward a part-time Legislature should not be the only reform Lansing officials look at, though. We think it's time to revisit the concept of term limits because the voter-approved initiative is not working out the way we think it was intended to.

First of all, it has added to the financial burden of the state by making more people eligible for state-funded health care and pensions. More often than not, it's simply caused politicians to jump from one office to another when their time is up.

It's also drawn complaints from those serving that it does not give them enough time in office to affect any positive change. That woeful argument aside—it's distressing to think that politicians need that long to know what they're doing—there is some sense in the concept of eliminating—or at least extending—term limits. If elected officials are doing a good job representing their community, they shouldn't be forced to stop simply because of a time limit. When they're not, voters will let them know.

The budget 'fix' agreed to recently may have brought more time to deal with the financial crisis in Michigan, but it certainly didn't solve it. We need additional government reforms before we can seriously think about adding another tax to residents—whatever form that may take.

Those reforms should happen at the top, not at the bottom.

## A matter of public trust

Officials in the City of Inkster will set a bad precedent if they don't further discipline a department head for not paying a bill over which she had direct oversight.

Carmen Mitchell, head of the city water department, is back on the job after an investigation into allegations that she used her official position to delay paying a nearly \$5,000 water bill and avoid having the bill added to her property taxes.

She was ordered to repay the bill within six months. City administrators haven't commented further on the issue, calling it a confidential personnel matter.

This is truly a sad situation.

We know that Mitchell has served the city for a long time. We know that she's well-liked and respected and that handling this case is a

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## Painting a pretty new picture

It's been fascinating for me to watch the mural project unfold on the side of the State Wayne Theater here in Wayne.

I've always wished I've had that kind of creative talent—the ability to draw or paint or both—and so it's been something to see the vague sketches slowly take on some semblance of the finished product, even though it hasn't gone as fast as I thought it would. Perhaps the recent unpredictable weather is to blame.

There still seems to be some debate as to the value of the project, overall, and if it'll help the community in general and the business climate in particular.

I think it will, despite its esoteric nature. Done right and promoted properly, it'll attract attention to the City of Wayne—which is what it was designed to do in the first place. It'll show potential investors that there is more going on here than just the basic grind of city government, that officials are looking to differentiate the city from its neighbors, establish an identity and spur economic development.

In a way it goes hand-in-hand with another 'feel good' project under way—the hopeful restoration of the Historic Wayne Theater just down the street.

This may be an even bigger challenge because of the sheer scope of the funds needed and the relatively soft economy that has most people watching every penny and cringing from the continual bad news spouted by daily news sources—newspapers and television channels.

Think, though, about what could happen if both projects are successful. We could have a little cul-

tural Mecca right here in our downtown, with both projects leading into the concepts developed by the design team from Andrews University.

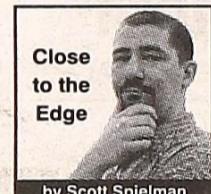
Don Nicholson's vision for the Historic Wayne Theater is not just a restored theater, but also new businesses to help support it and a regional arts program to flush it out—things that will bring people to town. Stop by on a Saturday night during the Beat the Bulldozer concert series—as long as the weather allows them to go on—and talk to him about it; he's often more eloquent about the plans than I am.

The mural plan hasn't been universally embraced, either. Some thought it was a waste of money. Others questioned the expense at a time when the city is cutting back on everything. Stories and columns about it have drawn comments on our website that scoff at the concept that it'll help.

Time will tell. In the meantime, though, it might be helpful to think about the difference between a skeptic and a cynic. A skeptic is a doubter, someone who continually asks questions. A cynic is far more pessimistic and sarcastic, not believing the answers and often just expecting the worst to happen.

It's OK to be skeptical about projects like this. I have my doubts, too, not about the value of the projects themselves but about the way the city will respond to them.

Being cynical about them won't solve anything, though. Too much of that will sap the energy that we desperately need here in Wayne. Besides, what good is a cynic with no better plan?



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## A real decision of a lifetime

Thousands of western Wayne County high school students will graduate this weekend. A significant number of those graduates are headed to Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Ypsilanti and other college towns across the state to further their education.

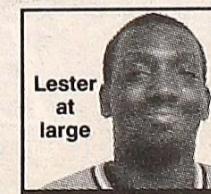
Statistics from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and the Center for Michigan House and Senate Fiscal Agencies indicate a growing number college graduates and applicants. Several schools, including the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University reported having a record number of freshman and transfers coming in August.

With their matriculation comes their first adult decision of their lives. Whether to follow their dreams or follow the money. The problem, experts say is that students are earning degrees in fields where few jobs are available in the state.

According to the State Department of Labor, science, computer-related fields along with medical careers are in high demand through 2012. Despite the need for computer programmers and nurse practitioners, Michigan students rather pursue careers in education, social work, performing arts and media.

The conflict leads to thousands of young people leaving the state to pursue their careers in other places. Not only do they take with them a solid set of professional skills but also a much-needed tax-base and increased quality of life potential.

Several proposals are floating around in Lansing to turn this trend around. One of which is to do a better job pitching technology and medical careers to students by making math and science



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more attractive in the elementary and middle school levels.

The Plymouth office of Honeywell International partnered with NASA to bring a presentation to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools using hip-hop culture to build a bridge to math and science careers.

Administrators, staff and students alike said the program worked. We reported that several students now want a career in the technologies. It's a long way to middle school to NASA, but at least students are thinking about the road.

Proactive programs merging the corporate world with the educators to motivate students are what we need. To discourage young people for wanting to be an executive director for a non-profit or a ballet dancer is not.

Each person has a specific set of skills and a particular way of think-

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touchy issue.

The fact is, though, that there is no excuse someone in her position can use to tally up a water bill that—in January—topped \$4,800.

We can't think of any community where this can happen. Usually bills that are that delinquent go onto the property owner's tax bills. If they're not paid there, the property could eventually be foreclosed by Wayne

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ing that helps them to decide their life work. Some are called to be doctors; others are called to be interior decorators.

It is the job of business and government to help make the Michigan economy diverse enough to handle a myriad of professions. When a photographer has a water pipe burst in the middle of the night, he or she needs a plumber. When that plumber needs to make a brochure to highlight their business, they need a photographer. Both are needed across the state.

As for young people who are debating both internally and with mom and dad over their career choices, there is no easy solution.

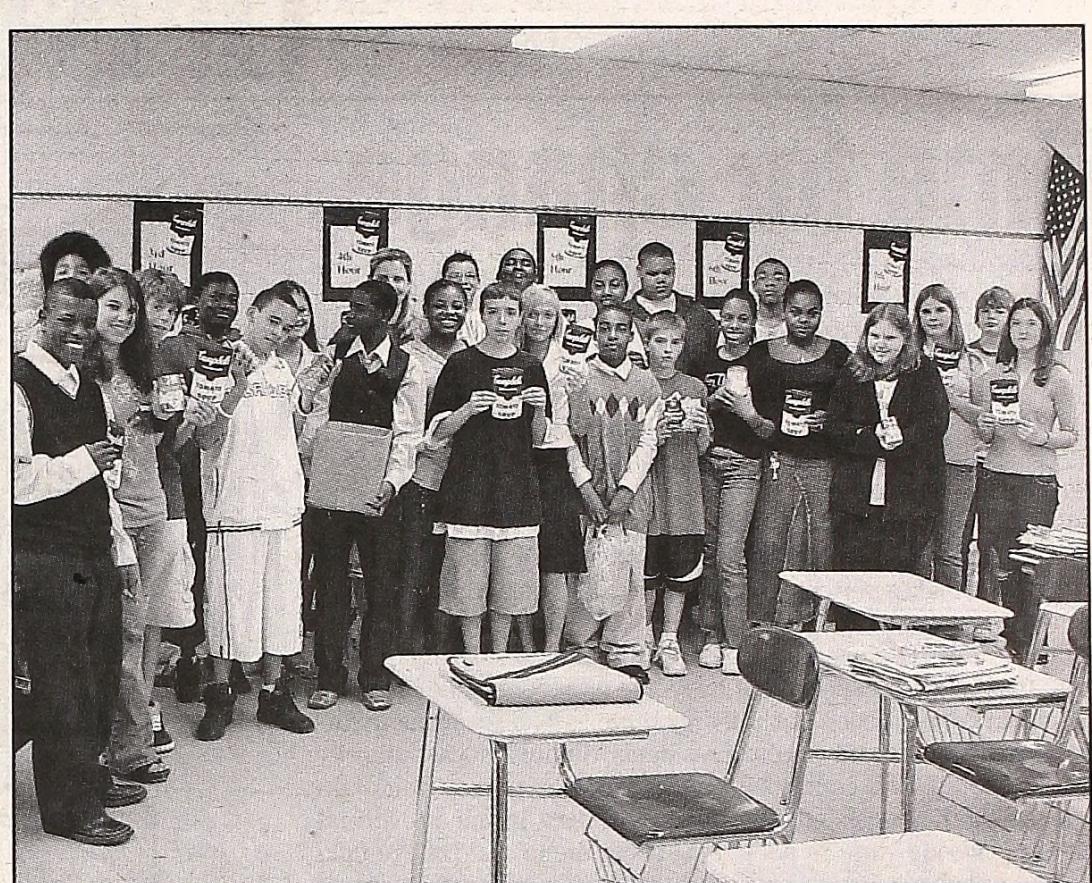
Financial security is important. Hiring trends in the state and the nation should be followed and studied by every student. However, is spending the rest of your professional life in a career you hate worth the money and the quality of life you want to have?

Just like the future of Michigan, the decision on your future is in your hands.

County. This is something that every day residents everywhere know—if you don't pay your bills, trouble follows.

Let's face it: not dealing directly with this situation will erode the confidence people have in local government. The last thing any municipal official wants to do is grant a resident a virtual excuse to not pay their bills.

We understand that she is a long-serving, popular employee. That does not excuse what she did, though. Confidential personnel issue or not, this is something that should be dealt with publicly.



## Food for thought

The seventh grade class at North Middle School in Belleville recently hosted a two-week food drive for area shelters. Teacher Dana Duffey integrated the core concepts from class, like percentages, ratios, graphics and proportions to map out how much food each class brought in. The class with the most will win a pizza party. The food will then be donated to the Detroit Soup Kitchen.

## Home ownership expo planned

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host the "Homeownership, the Key to Building Wealth" expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus in Belleville.

The event is free and open to the public. It will include the homeownership process,

basic budgeting and how to obtain financial resources, credit score management and how to maintain a real estate investment.

For more information or to register, contact Doreitha Armstrong, Inkster Chapter Coach, at (734) 699-7310 or Onadette Coleman (313) 449-4667 or email onadett@aol.com.

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# THE SCENE

# KNOCKED UP

Reviewed By  
Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer

## Movie delivers laughs despite complications

In *Knocked Up*, two people are forced to form a relationship by events beyond their control. Their time together seems regrettable at first, but as the days go on, they like each other more and more.

That scenario reflected this reviewer's opinion of the movie, which has rough edges as obvious as the flaws of Ben Stone (Seth Rogen) the pot-smoking, unemployed, clumsy guy at the center of all this.

As I left the theater, I was a little disappointed. Not because *Knocked Up* is a bad movie—it is probably one of the best comedies out this year—but because the laughs lacked the intensity and frequency of its 2005 predecessor, *The 40 Year Old Virgin*.

Both films, written and directed by Judd Apatow, earn their R ratings with pride—sex is what propels both of them, and nothing is tamed for sake of reaching a broader audience. (Make sure you finish your popcorn before the birth scene.)

In *Virgin*, a man's friends tried to help him get over his, um, lack of experience. Apatow was applauded for somehow infusing the film with a heart beyond all the crude jokes. The unlikely message of

the movie was that it was OK not to have sex. In the end, the hero is rewarded when he finds true love and waits until marriage.

The same charm pervades *Knocked Up*, in which a one-night stand starts a whirlwind of funny situations and tough decisions. It's not the premise of most crass comedies, and thankfully Apatow once again makes a movie where the characters are aware of little things like ethics and responsibility, but resists sermonizing to viewers.

In the story, Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl), an entertainment reporter celebrating a promotion, meets Ben at a nightclub. They both get drunk quickly and eight weeks later, she has to track him down for a second meeting to tell him she is pregnant.

An after school special disguised as gross-out humor? It seems Apatow is working things backward, with the positive messages operating subversively. Alison and Ben make an attempt at having safe sex, but deal with the consequences when it doesn't work out that way. Apatow could have had them jump into bed, no

questions asked. Abortion is discussed, if very briefly—even in this kind of comedy, such talk seems out of place—as the 'a' word. Everyone is against it, except Alison's mother, who gives Alison the sage advice that her step-sister "had it taken care of" and "now she has a real baby!"

Everyone is forced to grow up, fast, and some handle it better than others. *Knocked Up* feels more realistic and sincere than any other movie in recent memory to confront life's missteps.

Sure, there's enough jokes about drugs, sex and genitalia to fill six or seven movies. But Apatow takes an even bigger risk by imbuing his movies with a real sense that there are ethical problems at stake beyond those. This isn't Hollywood making fun of our problems. This is how real people deal with problems.

It just happens to be funny.

What hinders *Knocked Up* where *Virgin* excelled is casting. Rogen plays much the same guy he played in the last movie, except with more of a pot habit and a bigger heart. By most romantic comedy conventions, Rogen is the wrong choice. He's more at home here, spouting lines

ingly improvised on the spot by either himself or fed to him by Apatow.

Still, there are too many scenes with Ben and his four friends, a crew that doesn't come close to the guys working with Carell in *Virgin*. The time would have been better spent developing the relationship between he and Alison, or between Alison's sister, Debbie (Leslie Mann) and her husband, Pete (Paul Rudd).

That said, Heigl is outstanding here, in a nice departure from the frayed, moody character she plays on NBC's "Grey's Anatomy."

But there's something off when Rogen and Heigl are on screen together. By the middle of the movie, Alison tells Ben they are trying to force each other into a relationship just because they're two good people thinking about the baby.

Really, it's Apatow who's trying to force this unlikely couple into his movie. He injects so much confusion and unease into the relationship at the beginning that the two leads are never able to overcome. For all its sincerity, uplifting moments and 'I love you', Ben and Alison fail to convince us that they aren't just being polite.

## THE SCENE

## Strawberry Festival event ripe for fun

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The strawberries are ripe are ready to go for a berry special time of year: The 31st Annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

This year the festival—which will take place June 15-17—will include live entertainment, a car show, a pageant, carnival rides, homemade crafts and food, a parade, helicopter rides, the fireman waterball competition and other daily events.

The city-wide festival is located in seven different areas, including: Main Street, Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony's Church, Victory Park, Belleville High School and South Middle School. It will be open from noon to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 and from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 17.

Since 1976, the Belleville strawberry festival has perpetuated the community theme of strawberries, fundraising for area organizations and a way to strengthen community spirit and pride throughout the Belleville area, according to the festival committee.

The first festival started at St. Anthony's Church, but has grown in locations, organization participation, strawberry treats and visi-

tors to the event, said Janet Millard, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Festival Director Joan Bodnar said the strawberry festival will include a variety of daily events for everyone to enjoy including: the Rise Above BMX stunt show,

located in the parking lot of Oakwood Health Care.

On Friday, visitors can watch the annual Strawberry Prince and Princess contest at noon at South Middle School.

The schedule will also include area singers and groups performing in the WYCD Country

There will be more than 1,000 shortcakes and more than 350 strawberry pies alone made at the Trinity church.

Festival Director Joan Bodnar

the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock Year-Round Hoops Truck, Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic, the Friends of the Michigan Animal Rescue, children's activities, like fantasy face painting, games and plenty of strawberry treats.

"There will be more than 1,000 shortcakes and more than 350 strawberry pies alone made at the Trinity church," said Bodnar.

New this year will be the Honey Bunches of Oats mobile café, located on Main Street. People can stop in to enjoy a sample of Honey Bunches of Oats cereal and more, Bodnar said.

Another new attraction will be the Gillette Breeze razors mobile

Strawberry Jam on Saturday. Local singers include April Gibson and Wildfire, Chris Solano and Fiddlers Re-Strung. Other performers are: Aerodogy, Steve Berkemeier, Kayline Brown, Detroit All Stars, Funkee Station, Boots in Motion, TLT, Outta the Belly, Yankeeville, Vicki Talbott, Tony Thompson, Cottonwood Cloggers and Sarah Lenore.

The Rotary Club annual pancake breakfast—a festival tradition—will take place at 8-11 a.m. on Saturday at the Belleville High School cafeteria. The parade will then follow at 11 a.m. and will include numerous entries of floats, area politicians and organizations and

musical entertainment.

On Saturday, festivalgoers can watch the Belleville Lake Water-ski Club at 3 p.m. on Horizon Park.

The festival will end the main events with the 6th Annual Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Victory Park and, the Strawberry Idol contest which will take place all day Sunday at the main stage.

"The festival usually draws an audience of more than 200,000 visitors," said Bodnar. "We're hoping for another great turnout."

The Belleville strawberry festival offers free admission, plenty of parking and a shuttle service. For more information, call the festival hotline at (734) 697-3137.

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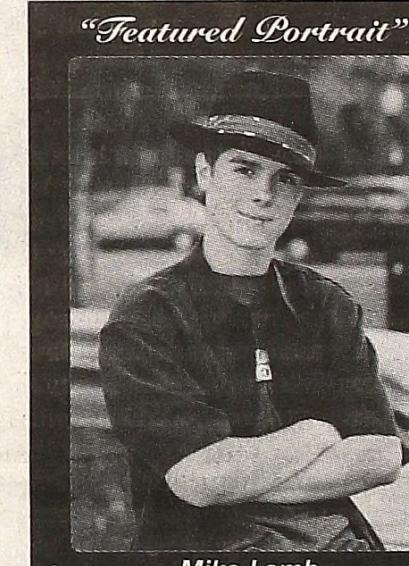
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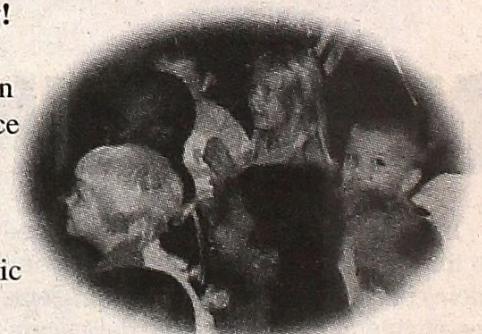


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# Professor brings 'world of experience' to class

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

It's hard to keep professor Ellis Ivory, 53, in one place.

"I like to be out doing things," said Ivory, who leaves for a trip to China soon. "I'm a world citizen."

Ivory, who has been teaching political science and history at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) for more than 10 years, has traveled to more than 20 different countries. He's met world leaders and officials like the eighth Duke of Marlborough; Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the president of Brazil and Fidel Castro.

Ivory's not just teaching history though, he's making it and, bringing the knowledge into the classroom.

"Instead of just textbook material, I get to bring back actual experiences for the students," he said. "People are people. They all want the basic needs. Traveling takes us there and opens our eyes up to see that I want to be able to see for myself, then I know what's true and, as an educator and a scholar, I can tell people this is how it is."

Some of his trips—like one to Transylvania—may sound weird to people, but in history, you almost have to do that in order to spark student interest, Ivory said.

"It brings the stories to life," said Ivory. "I'm a historian and a scientist. This is an historical experience for me and a link to the real world."

However, teaching wasn't necessarily what Ivory wanted to do.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do,"

said Ivory. "I enjoyed college and I guess you could say the career found me."

At first, Ivory dropped out of college, but soon went back to receive a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in political science, history and English, where he was summa cum laude. He then received a master's degree from University of Michigan in political science. Currently, he's finishing his dissertation for his doctorate degree, as well as teaching.

According to Ivory, everybody has their own style of teaching. His goal is to engage students and ask them what they think to show an interest.

"There is truth in the adage that man repeats past behavior time and time again. If it's been done today, it's been done before," he said. "For me, history has two components: how it's taught and how it impacts people."

Ivory has passed that wisdom along to numerous schools too, including Highland Park Community College, Macomb Community College, University of Detroit, Mercy College, Mary Grove College and the WCCCD. He not only gives to the students, but the students give back to him, he said.

"I'm learning from them. We can all learn from each other," Ivory said. "I love teaching I think everyone has a gift or two and that's mine."

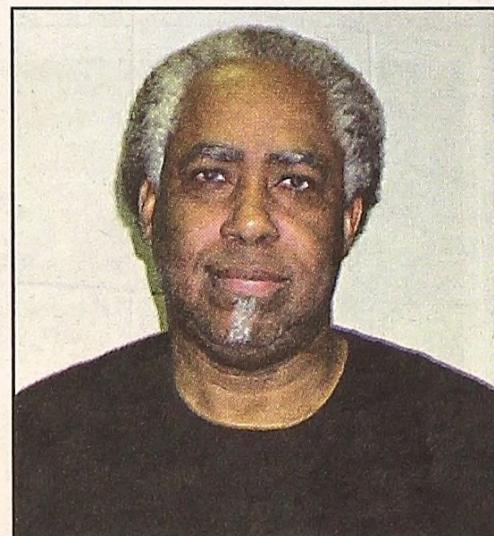
Besides college, his classroom also extends into the community through numerous organizations such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights and the International Society of Historians.

"Even if I wasn't teaching, I'd be giving back to those groups," he said.

So will his future. Ivory will continue to teach, along with devote more time to international/national affairs, work with the elderly and of course, continue to travel, he said.

"When I saw far away places on TV I envisioned myself there," he said. "Information is such a wonderful thing and I want to spread it to everyone. Now, I have ample opportunity to do that; it couldn't get better for me."

"If I wasn't a teacher and I was a millionaire, I'd travel and stay on one continent and I wouldn't leave until I was done with it all," he said. "That's my dream."



Professor Ellis Ivory

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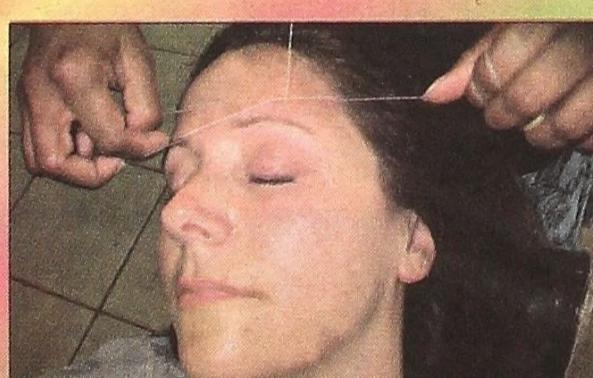
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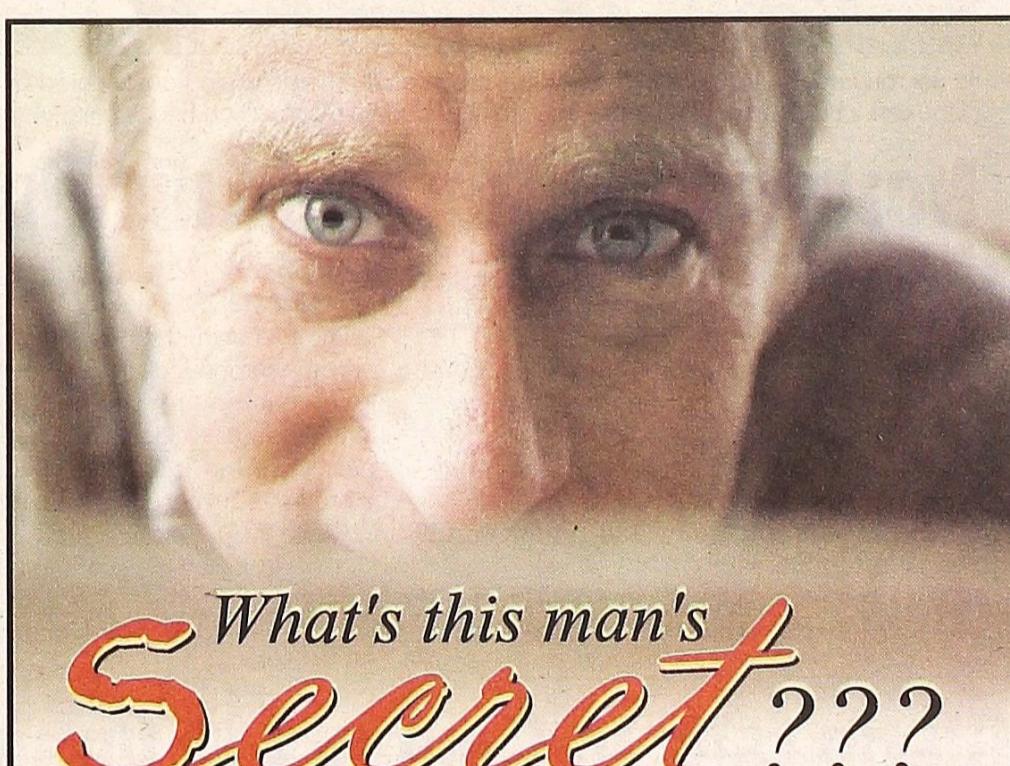
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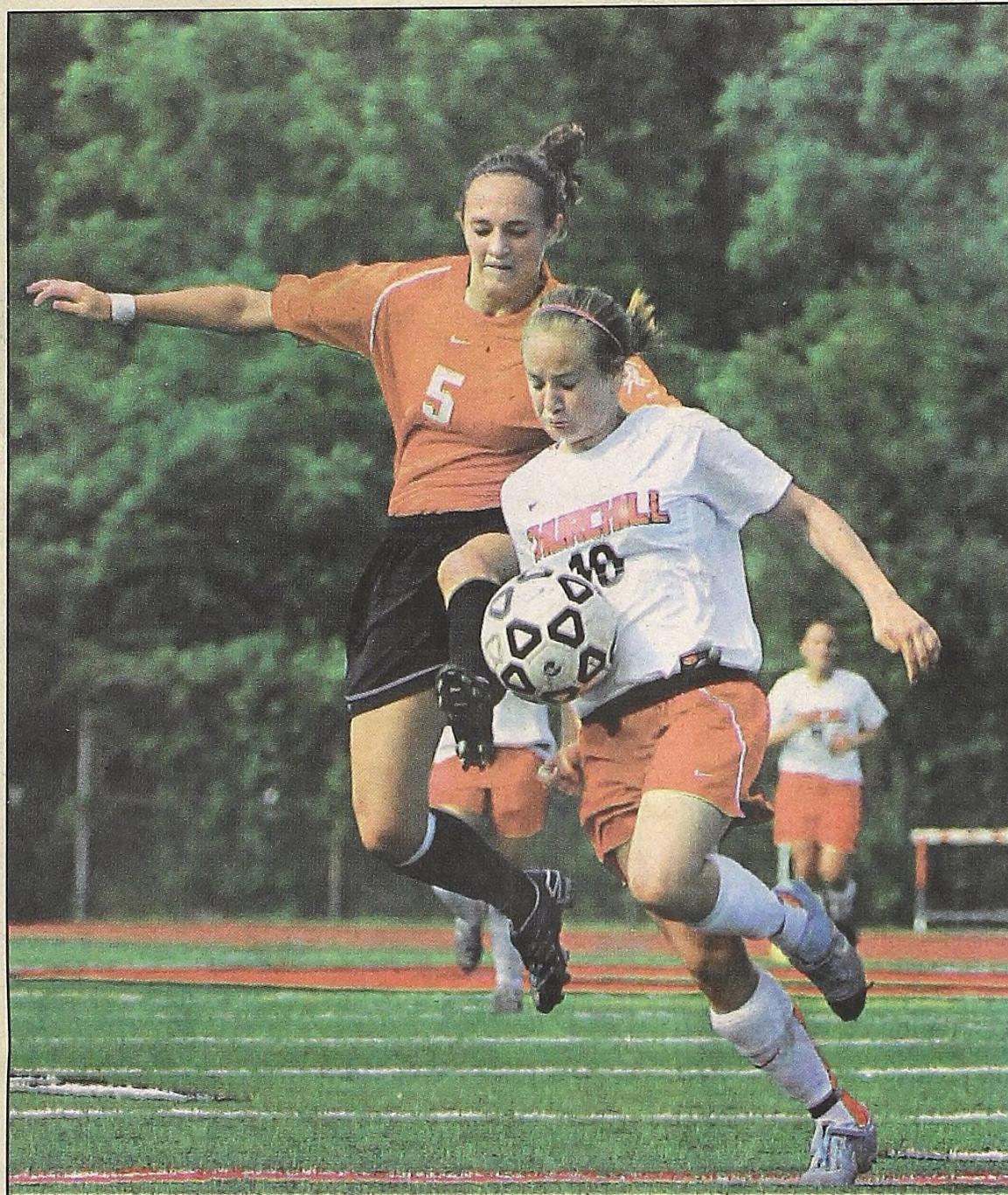
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# SPORTS



Junior forward Sarah Stern (5) earned the assist on the game-winning goal scored by Danielle Toney in the district championship game against host Livonia Churchill on Friday. Photo by Jeff Novak

## Northville kickers win district title

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

During the intermission before the second overtime period, Northville's varsity soccer coach Ron Meteyer told his players that at that point it was a game of guts and not about strategy.

Senior Danielle Toney and junior Sarah Stern proved otherwise.

The two veteran players came up with an off-the-cuff plan that locked the Division 1 district

championship title away from host Livonia Churchill with a 1-0 victory.

The plan called for Stern to take the second overtime period kickoff. She found a wide-open Toney pushing up the middle. Toney, after numerous unsuccessful attempts earlier in the game, put it by Churchill's sophomore goalkeeper Stefanie Turner for the victory—just 11 seconds into the period.

"Usually when we take the kickoffs I usually

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## Glenn falls to Cougars in finals

Tanya Wildt  
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Rockets and the Garden City Cougars baseball teams may have played seven innings during last Friday's 29th district championship game, but the winner was determined in only two.

The Cougars clawed their way to a win by defeating the Rockets 3-1.

John Glenn pitcher Jon Gillis opened the game for the Rockets. With the help of his outfielders, the team was able to keep Garden City off the scoreboard in the first. Garden City's powerful outfield answered right back, giving Glenn three outs after only three batters.

"Their outfield was outstand-

ing," said Matt Howton, Glenn head coach.

The first inning featured a single by Alan Siepierski, who would

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later be put in a game-defining situation for Glenn.

Joshua Hudson of Garden City scored the only run that would matter in the second inning after a single by Jonathon Turnbull.

Glenn came out hitting in the third inning. Andrew DeLuca started the inning with a single. Then Justin Reid bunted for another single. Siepierski was next up, but after a hit, Garden City managed a double play, tagging the Rockets out at first and second. All was not lost. DeLuca was able to score to even up the game.

The Glenn outfield committed errors in the fourth inning and Garden City's Brendon Gnida was tagged with an unsportsmanlike conduct. A hit down right center by Gnida proved too difficult to handle for the three Glenn players that surrounded it. Gnida tried to steal to second while the next player was up to bat, but Glenn was able

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## Belleville wins district

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Although the mercury was ready to burst through the top of the thermometer on Friday, Belleville hurler Samantha Cole found a way to turn it up a notch when she pitched 17 innings in two games to help her Lady Tigers win the district tournament at Wayne Memorial.

The sophomore pitching sensation first found herself in a duel with the most unlikely of adversaries—John Glenn.

It took extra innings but she pitched her Lady Tigers past the Rockets, 4-0.

"They played like champs against us," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. "We had scouted them and we didn't expect that. They made every play and we had to work hard to push some runs across."

Cole's 'rocket' arm was a huge factor in the game. She sat down 20 batters through nine scoreless innings before her teammates got the offense going in the top of the 10th. There the Lady Tigers scored four unanswered runs. Cole struck out two more in the sweltering heat at the bottom of the frame for the victory.

The Lady Rockets won only one game this season and that was last Tuesday against host Wayne in a pre-district showdown. Belleville, 21-7 at the time, faced Glenn in the district semifinal.

"They played an outstanding

game," Curtis said. "You compare our record to their record and, like I've said, when you go into the state tournament anything can happen and it almost did."

The Lady Tigers had an equally difficult time getting by Glenn's sophomore pitcher Brittany Holbrook, who only gave up four hits through nine frames.

At the top of the final inning junior catcher Danielle Stabnau got things started with a double.

Sophomore Allison Kloc was out on a fielder's choice but moved Stabnau to third. Junior Wendy Morton got on base. A wild throw on junior Lacey Marcotte's bunt allowed both Stabnau and Morton to score. Then Marcotte and junior Jessica Kovach—on with a single—scored off a single by Cole.

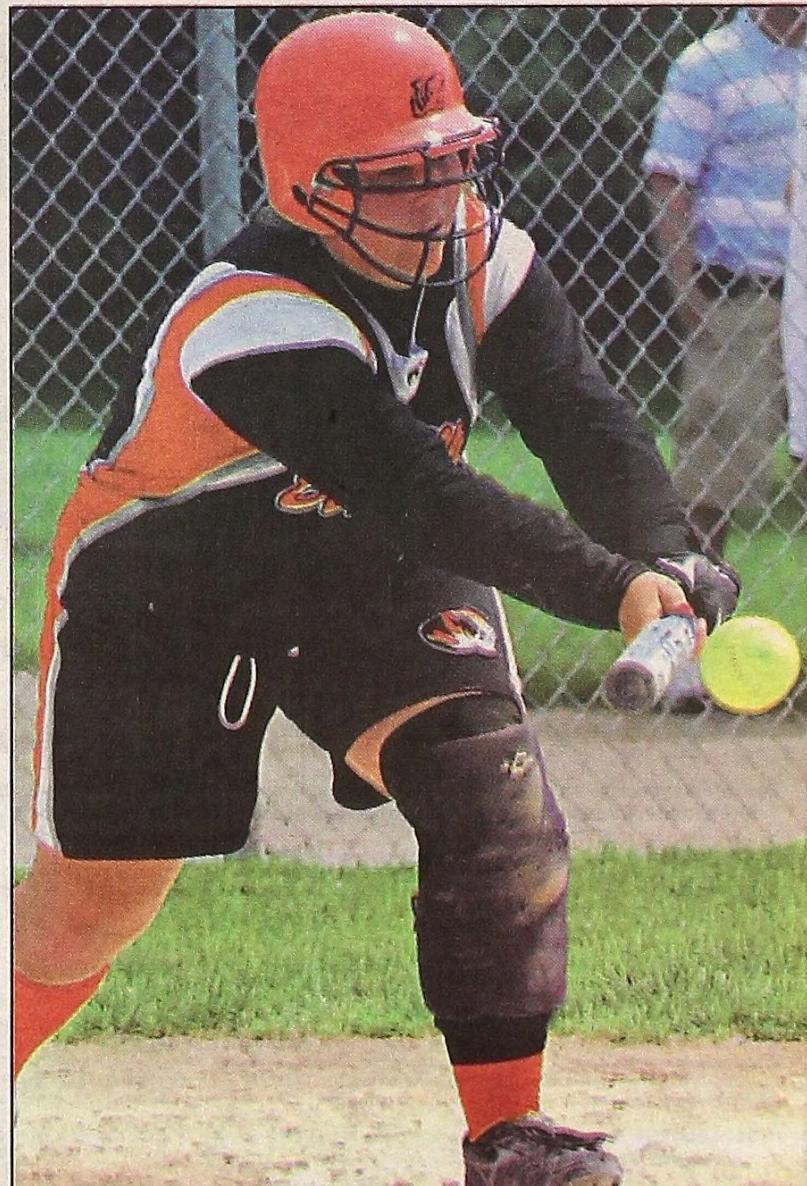
With only a 30-minute break between games, the Tigers were off to a quick start that carried them past the Garden City Cougars, 6-4, in the finale.

Garden City, fresh off an 11-0, four-inning mercy over Romulus, fell behind early and never got out of the hole.

Belleville scored one run at the top of the first inning when Marcotte came in on a double by senior Jasmine 'Blue' Haralson. The Tigers added another run in the second when Kovach scored on Kloc's double.

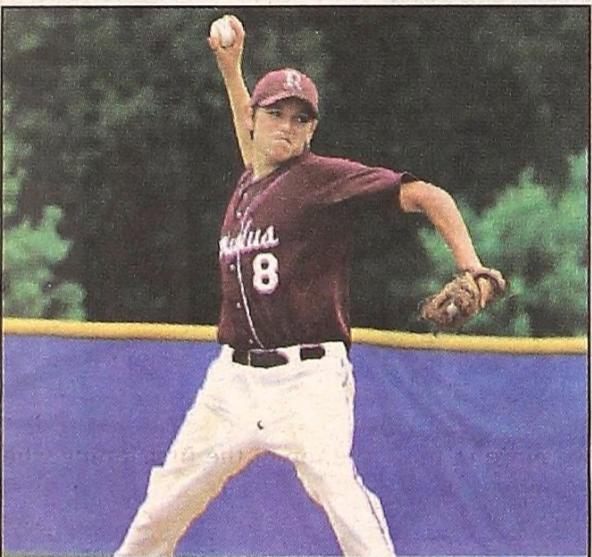
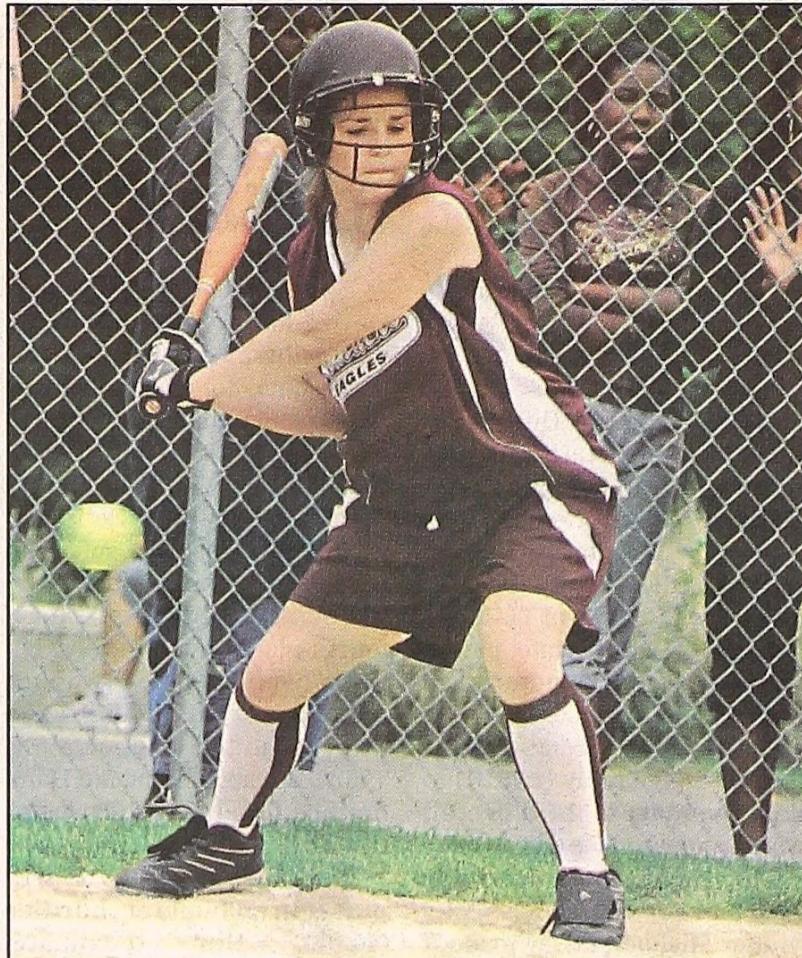
Garden City got on the board when Katie Torok crossed home on a hit by Christina Seward to

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Belleville's Danielle Stabnau bunts in the district finale match-up against Garden City on Friday in Wayne. Belleville won the title with a 6-4 victory. Photo by Jeff Novak

## SPORTS



## No fly zone

Wayne Memorial High, the host school for Division 1 District 29 competition should have had a "No Fly Zone" sign posted out front. The site wasn't overly lucky for the Romulus Eagle sports teams on Friday. The Eagles couldn't get off the ground when both the baseball and softball teams lost to Garden City. The Lady Eagles struggled early and often against the Cougars, falling behind 8-0 after three and a half innings. Garden City scored three more at the bottom of the frame, giving the Eagles one more chance to escape a mercy. Romulus went out 1-2-3 at the top of five and the game ended, 11-0, in favor of the Cougars. They eventually lost to Belleville, 6-4, in the district final. The boys fell to Garden City, 6-0. The Cougars scored one in the third, one in the fifth, two in the sixth and two in the seventh to put the game away. Photos by Jeff Novak

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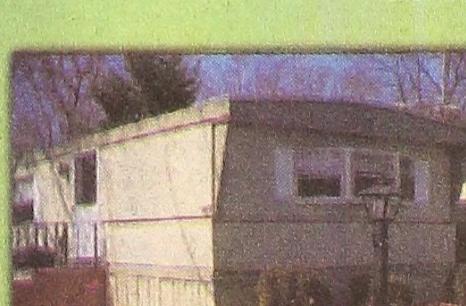
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## SPORTS

## Track and field athletes place in state finals

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Several Western Wayne County track and field stars placed in the state meet on Saturday in East Kentwood.

Shane Wells of Romulus was among the top winners. He won the state title in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.45. His teammate, Darryl White, placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.06. Romulus also finished in second place in the 800-meter relay (1:28.31) to help the team to third overall with 32 points on the day.

Northville had a good day with four top-10 finishes. Pole-vaulter Michael Yassay made it over a 15-foot-4 bar to secure second place in the event. Jasen Turnbull placed in two events—third in the 800-meter run (1:55.65) and fourth in the 1,600-meter run (4:16.30). Cavan Corcoran ended up in sixth place in the 300-meter hurdles (39.50).

Canton's Eric Thornton won the high jump competition when he cleared the 6-foot-7 marker and teammate Nicholas Moores finished fourth in the shot put with a distance of 54-3.50.

Belleville's Verrick Tucker earned fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.87.

Westland John Glenn's Larry Dawkins placed sixth in the 200-meter dash (22.95).

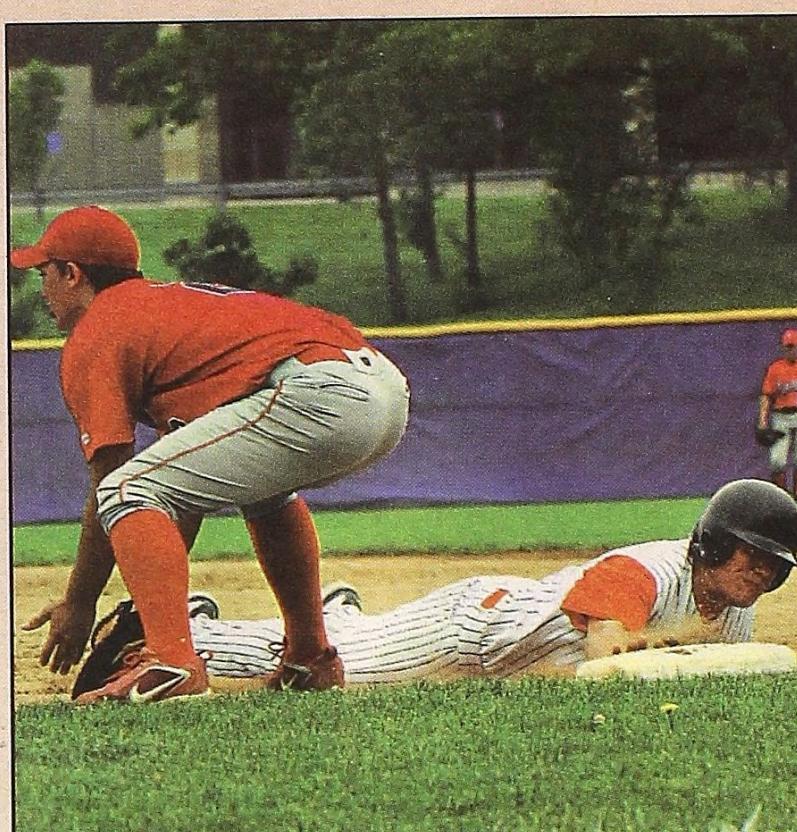
On the women's side, Plymouth's Brittany Petty and Romulus' Aurielle McCauley had the best finishes on the day.

Petty cleared 5-foot-5 for a fourth-place finish in the high jump competition. Plymouth long-jumper Stephanie Okolo was fifth in the long jump (17-7.75); teammate Stephanie Hahn finished fifth in the 3,200-meter run (11:13.14).

McCauley raced to fourth place in 300-meter hurdles (44.98). Her teammate, Christienne Linton, finished seventh (45.74). McCauley also placed seventh in the 100-meter hurdles (15.55) with teammate Brittany Shreve in a close eighth (15.60). Linton also took seventh in the 100-meter dash event (12.90).

Northville's Briann Jenkins pulled out a seventh place finish in the high jump by making it over 5-foot-2. Another Lady Mustang, Amy Reynolds finished fifth in the pole vault (10-10).

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## Denied

The Belleville varsity baseball team put up a good fight but was denied the chance to battle farther in the state district tournament. The Tigers lost to the John Glenn Rockets, 6-5, in the semifinal round on Friday at Wayne Memorial High School. Philip Sullens scored the team's first run in the third for a 1-0 lead. Then Glenn got its bats going and scored five times at the bottom of the frame. Belleville had an answer for the Rockets at the top of the fifth. Josh Sparkman's single drove in Kaare Cigan than Andrew Overholt's double brought Jerry Taylor, the designated runner for Sparkman, in to make it a 5-3 ballgame and Kevin Vandiveer's single scored Overholt, making it a one-run game. The Tigers knotted the score, 5-5, when Sullens scored on a Charles Smith single in the sixth. Glenn scored the winning run with two outs at the bottom of the sixth frame.

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# Tigers

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make it a 2-1 game. Belleville answered in the fourth when Kloc knocked in Kovach with a double. The Tigers really got things going in the fifth, scoring three more off of a giant triple from senior Brandi Craig.

The Cougars rallied at the bottom of the frame with three runs but that's how the game would end, 6-4.

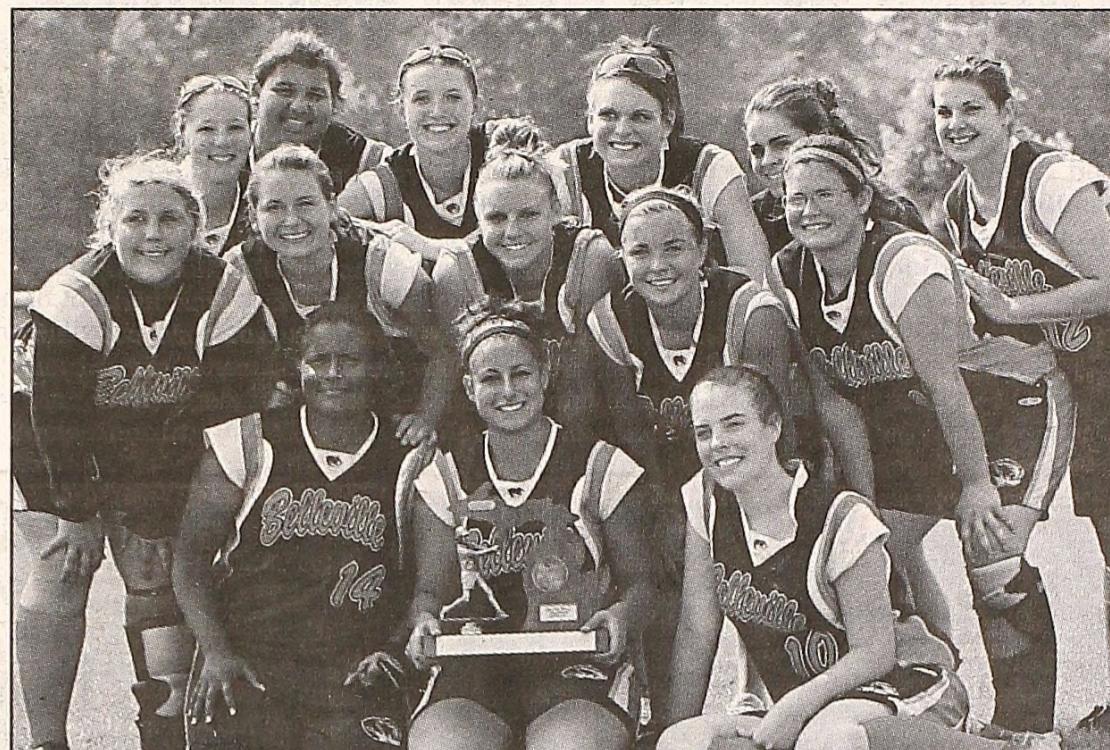
"Allison Kloc, a sophomore, came up with some big hits for us and we had a combination of kids that put things together for us," said Curtis. "I'm proud of them. When Sam's on the mound we have a good chance to win. Part of Sam's success is Danielle

Stabnau behind the plate; calling it; standing back there; not a lot of wild pitches or dropped balls. Sam knows that with Danielle she can throw up or she can throw down; she can throw wide and she'll keep things in there."

The heat seemed to get to Cole in the lengthy fifth inning. After everything was said and done she seemed a bit elated and a lot exhausted.

"It feels amazing," she said about the win. "The heat gets to me a little bit but my team gets me through it. (Stabnau) is awesome. She's always smiling and giving me thumbs up. She is the most positive person on the team."

Belleville plays in the regional tournament against Ann Arbor Huron at Saline High School on Saturday.



The Belleville Lady Tigers show off their district championship trophy Friday. Photo by Jeff Novak

# Rockets

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to tag him out. Gnida answered by throwing his helmet and was given a warning. The only score of the inning was by Kevin Polzin of Garden City.

The Cougars added to their lead in the fifth with a run by Paul Cole.

Jake Murawski hit a double in the bottom of the fifth for Glenn, but the Cougars were able to get the next three outs.

Chris Kangas came in to pitch for Glenn in the sixth. He managed to hold the Cougars to no runs. All Glenn could muster in the area of hitting during the bottom was a single from Siepierski.

Glenn felt the pressure in the seventh

inning. After the Cougars went 1,2,3 in the top, the Rockets knew it was their last chance to make a comeback.

Garden City's powerful pitcher Akihiko Itoh's day came to an end after a Glenn hit and two walks. He was replaced by Angelo Zoccoli, who closed the game.

With men at first and second, the Rockets had a chance to tie the game, but Reid lined out, leaving two men on base and two outs. Siepierski struck out and Garden City was awarded the title of district 29 champions.

"Garden City is a good strappy team," Howton said.

Even with the loss, Howton was proud of his team's achievements throughout the tournament.

"We played with a lot of heart," Howton said.

# Mustangs

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mess up and kick it to the other team," Toney said of the strategy. "This time I told Stern to come up here with us and it worked out. I figured I had missed like 50 shots in a row and thought I better make this one because I'm pretty tired."

Toney had another quality opportunity with about 29:47 left in regulation but the shot sailed high and bounced off the crossbar and landed just inches from her teammate, freshman Kelsey Fiscus, who couldn't get the rebound in either.

"The kids played with intelligence right up to the end," Meteyer said.

Turner, who finished with eight saves,

had shut out Northville in the teams' first two meetings. The first ended as a 0-0 tie and the second, played just last week, resulted in a 1-0 Churchill victory for the Western Lakes conference championship.

Meteyer felt that, this time, certain factors would work to his team's advantage.

"We knew the heat and the turf were going to be the biggest factors and it just wore them down." They were standing out there like posts at the end. They used a total of three subs the whole game I think. We went 20 deep on our roster and that made the difference."

Churchill Coach Dave Hebestreit agreed the lack of depth might have cost them the district championship.

"We got tired," he admitted. "We didn't have the legs to carry us and that speed went right by us."

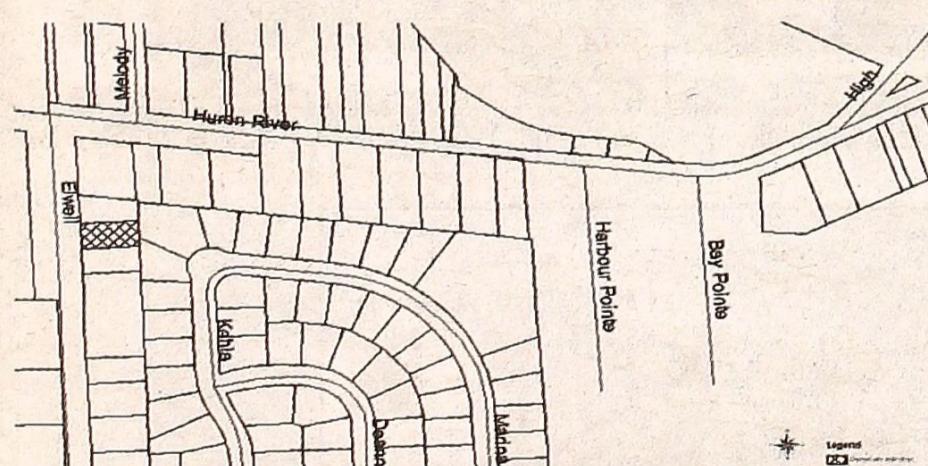
## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111 on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-110-03-0002-000, or more commonly known as 13747 Elwell Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting a modification to construct a garage with an area that exceeds the maximum permitted by the Township Zoning ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, by 238 square feet.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: June 7, 2007  
Published: June 7, 2007

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 31, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Attorney McCauley, Secretary Cline and an audience of two (2).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clair moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with AT&T Michigan. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** None.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

Publish: June 7, 2007

# Scouts honor local volunteer

The Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council recently honored Belleville volunteer Jennifer Lowhorn with the 'Thanks Badge II', the highest volunteer award for outstanding service.

Lowhorn is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts. She also volunteers as a training manager, treasurer, delegate to the coun-

cil and cookie sale coordinator. She has also helped to develop four courses including: Safety Wise Interpretations and Outdoor Safety Wise, both based on the program standards and safety guidelines of Girl Scouts of the USA.

"Huron Valley is fortunate to have such a strong advocate of Girl Scouting," said Gail Scott,

chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council. "Anyone who has worked with Jenny at the board level, on a committee or within community organizations has been the recipient of her creative insights, willingness to give above and beyond the call of duty and total commitment to girls in the community."

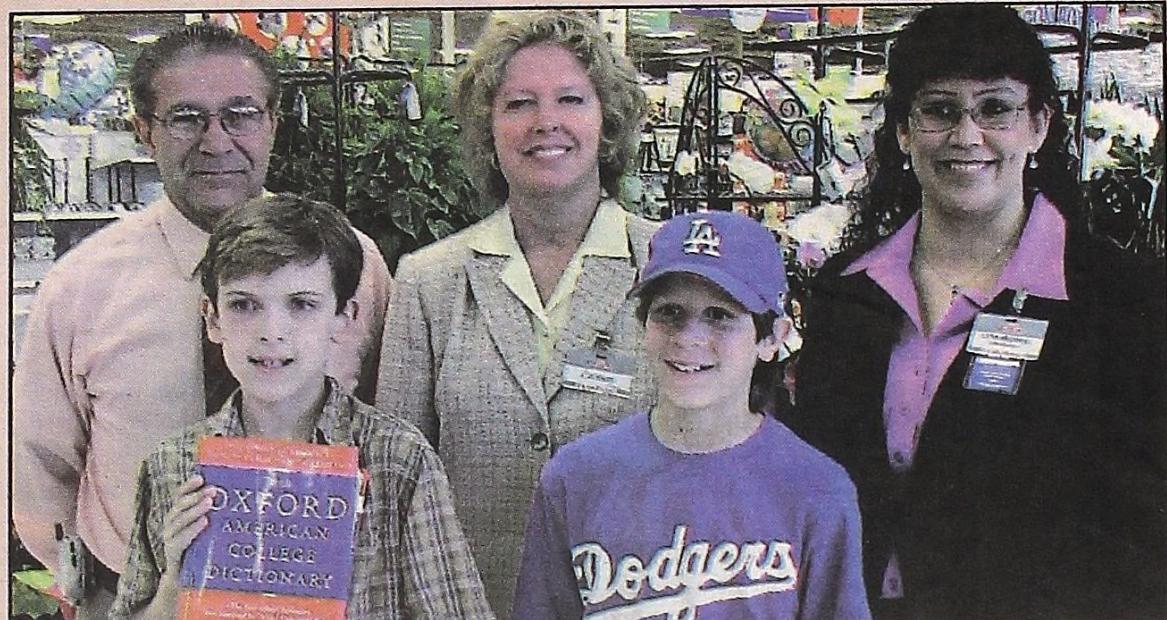


Jennifer Lowhorn

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For more information, contact the college at (734) 699-7008.



### All abuzz

The Belleville Meijer store recently hosted a spelling bee for the elementary level of the Van Buren Public School District. This year, winners included: Brandon Cole of Elwell Elementary, Johnny Duke of Tyler Elementary, Jeffery Stillwagon of Savage Elementary, Kalen Cobb of Tyler Elementary, Robert Harris of Tyler Elementary, Allison Juchartz of Tyler Elementary, Ashley Hood of Haggerty Elementary, Niko Scott of Elwell Elementary, Sydney Bagley of Edgemont Elementary and Alexis Wilkerson of Savage Elementary. Pictured are Nick Maniaci, principal of Savage; Colleen Tocco, Meijer district director; Lynn Murrel, Meijer store director; first place winner Brandon Cole and second place winner Johnny Duke.

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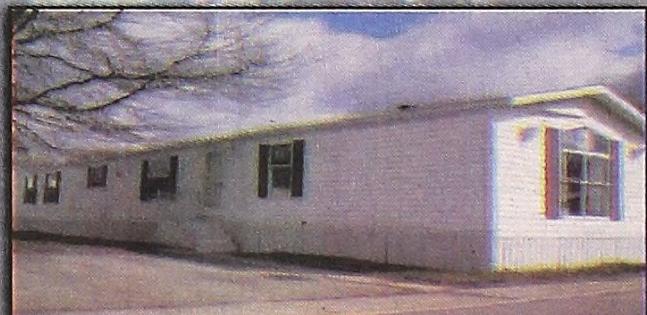
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS  
CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 14, 2007  
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. **Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.

**Absent:** None.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer, CMFTA

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-145**

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 7, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-146**

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of the Economic Development Director, Timothy Keyes and grant MID Romulus, Inc. a one (1) year extension Memorializing the "Effective Date" of the Special Land Use PC-2004-016 Approval and Site Plan for Phase 1 of the project to expire May 17, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - Burcroff, Gear.

Motion Carried.

**07-147**

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Economic Development Director, Timothy Keyes and grant MID Romulus, Inc. a one (1) year extension "Effective Date" of the Special Land Use for Michigan Downs PC-2004-016.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays- Burcroff, Gear.

Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-148**

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt the following Fiscal Year 2007/2008 General Appropriations Act for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court, which includes the appropriate millage rates:

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

**GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 AND MILLAGE RATES TO SUPPORT THIS BUDGET.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

**SECTION 1.** That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities or the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated

**SECTION 2.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	76,224
MAYOR	424,122
LEGAL	316,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE	15,800
PUBLIC RELATIONS	17,500
CLERK	465,748
ELECTIONS	150,525
TREASURER	486,792
ASSESSOR	516,674
BOARD OF REVIEW	1,938
CITY OWNED PROPERTY	15,500
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	25,579
FINANCE	614,809
HUMAN RESOURCES	341,682
UNALLOCATED	330,751
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	359,000
POLICE	9,111,123
ORDINANCE	278,929

ANIMAL SHELTER	234,536
FIRE	2,340,484
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	95,798
PLANNING & ZONING	
BOARD OF APPEALS	271,255
BUILDING	1,261,624
DEPARTMENT	
OF PUBLIC WORKS	154,120
DRAINS-AT-LARGE	148,500
BUILDING & GROUNDS	4,203,141
CEMETERY	140,451
RECREATION	545,075
LIBRARY	338,656
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,015
SENIOR SERVICES	259,161
UNRESOLVED CLAIMS	<u>30,000</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 23,572,512

**CONTINGENCIES** 329,747

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES** 23,902,259

*General Fund cont.*

**REVENUES**

TAXES	10,806,868
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	220,100
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES	
& PERMITS	1,358,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	5,584,478
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,744,371
MISCELLANEOUS	724,900
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	30,241
FINES & FORFEITS	<u>2,150,000</u>

**TOTAL REVENUES** 22,618,958

**APPROPRIATED SURPLUS** 1,283,301

**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS** 23,902,259

**SECTION 3.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	962,934
TRANSFER TO BEVERLY ROAD	159,145
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	567,589

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES** 1,689,668

REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	75,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	2,000
OTHER INCOME	500
PAVING INSPECTION FEES	500
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	60,000
ENGINEERING FEES -	
REIMBURSEMENTS	500
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	500
STATE SHARED REVENUES	1,135,177
TOTAL REVENUES	1,274,177
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>415,491</u>

**TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS** 1,689,668

**SECTION 4.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND	<u>1,135,807</u>
REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,900
REIMBURSEMENTS	2,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	9,000
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	45,000
STATE SHARED REVENUES	412,027
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	100,000
TRANSFER IN - MAJOR STREETS FUND	567,589
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,137,516</u>

**SECTION 5.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	<u>199,464</u>
REVENUES	155,850
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	43,614
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>199,464</u>

**SECTION 6.** That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis,

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the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	<u>73,530</u>
REVENUES	72,032
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,498
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>73,530</u>

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	<u>415,399</u>
REVENUES	<u>431,831</u>

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activ basis, the following:

SANITATION	<u>947,706</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,014,026</u>

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	<u>344,400</u>
REVENUES	<u>344,400</u>

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 911 Fund on an activity base the following:

911 FUND	<u>181,140</u>
REVENUES	<u>173,000</u>
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>8,140</u>
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>181,140</u>

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	<u>0</u>
REVENUES	<u>5,000</u>

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	<u>266,100</u>
REVENUES	171,600
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	94,500
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>266,100</u>

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	<u>306,065</u>
REVENUES	<u>323,065</u>

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Building Authority Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE	<u>262,213</u>
REVENUES	259,217
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	2,996
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>262,213</u>

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	<u>8,892</u>
REVENUES	<u>186,261</u>

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	<u>140,159</u>
REVENUES	96,073
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	44,086
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>140,159</u>

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Senior Center Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION	<u>397,324</u>
REVENUES	<u>397,424</u>

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on; activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	<u>12,719,424</u>
REVENUES	<u>12,766,753</u>

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	<u>1,944,856</u>
REVENUES	1,874,129
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	70,727
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>1,944,856</u>

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund (an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>646,098</u>
REVENUES	409,841
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	236,257
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>646,098</u>

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	<u>1,019,356</u>
REVENUES	<u>1,283,077</u>

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	<u>687,285</u>
REVENUES	588,320
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	98,965
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>687,285</u>

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Long Term Disability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LONG-TERM DISABILITY SELF-INSURANCE	<u>15,000</u>
REVENUES	<u>16,700</u>

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Economic Development Corporation Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	<u>830</u>
REVENUES	25
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	805
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>830</u>

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>762,070</u>
REVENUES	757,215
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	4,855
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>762,070</u>

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II-	<u>16,195,393</u>
REVENUES	15,796,719
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	398,674
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>16,195,393</u>

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	<u>3,657,445</u>
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SECTION 27. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

# Van Buren teacher adds joy to math classes

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Erin Baker may be fairly new to South Middle School in Belleville, but she's not new to the classroom.

In fact, she grew up around education. Her mother owned a childcare center in the Lincoln School District of Ypsilanti, where she was raised.

"Not only was teaching all around me, but I worked there, too," Baker said. "It encouraged me to go into early childhood education because I wanted to know more."

Baker received her bachelors degree from Eastern Michigan University and started work as a kindergarten teacher in Ann Arbor. After a year, her career took a different direction when she went to work at D.O.C. optical company, but she left there after her son, Shane, was born. Three-years later, however, she went

back to teaching in the classroom as the South Middle School at-risk math teacher.

"After I had Shane I was ready to expand and challenge myself in a new way, plus I absolutely love math," she said. "You always hear people say how they're terrible in math, but really everyone can do it. I want to help build student confidence in the subject because I don't want them to leave thinking they're horrible at math."

Focusing on conceptual knowledge of math—algebra and fractions—helps to get students over that math stigma, Baker said.

"Some need to see the problems on paper and work through them a couple times and some just need time to digest," she said. "It's different for every child and the teacher has to be aware of the timing and respect what they need."

The biggest pressure, Baker said, is time.



Erin Baker has been an at-risk math teacher at South Middle School for about two years.

"You have to be careful that the pressure is not part of the child, though," she said. "It's finding a balance of mastery and then exposing them to the topics."

"A good teacher takes patience and collaboration. You don't want to isolate yourself and you always have to reflect on each lesson and be willing to modify it regularly,"

she added.

That's where Baker gets to use her creativity, which she said keeps her challenged, alive and motivated to do more.

"To see that 'click moment' when the students get something, that's rewarding," she said. "My joy is watching them grow up and still be a kid."

**What is the best piece of advice you can give?**  
Never say you can't, say 'I can improve.'

**What are your hobbies?**  
Board games, crosswords, Sudoku and playing with my son.

**What is your favorite kind of music?**  
Classic rock.

**What are you most proud of?**  
My son.

**What is the last book you've read?**  
"Fair Isn't Always Equal" by Rick Wormeli.

**When nobody's looking I like to**  
...sing.

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**SECTION 28.** Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
SANITATION MILLAGE	0.9500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	1.2092

**SECTION 29.** Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

Approved: City Council Meeting 5/14/07

## CITY OF ROMULUS

### GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the 34th District Court and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007 and end June 30, 2008, the following amounts are hereby appropriated.

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES** **3,455,636**

Approved: City Council meeting  
May 14, 2007

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-149**

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director and award Bid 06/07-17, for four (4) workstations for the City of Romulus Public Safety Department to OM Workspace - a Division of Office Max in the amount of \$6,324.60.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-150**

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director and award Bid 06/07-18, for four (4) task chairs for the City of Romulus Public Safety Department to Michigan State Industries, in the amount of \$2,137.40.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-151**

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn and Thomas Wilson, DPW Director to award Bid 06/07-24, for equipment change over for two (2) Harley Davison Motorcycles for the City of Romulus Public Safety Department, Traffic Control Division to the lowest qualified bidder, Winder Police Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$6,631.60.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-152**

SE1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Sandra Rivers, Human Resources Director and adopt a resolution to adopt the updated drug free workplace policy in accordance with the FTA Rules, Section 655.15.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-153**

SE2. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Sandra Watkins, Human Resource Director.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-154**

6A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to grant a No-fee Permit to the Historical Society for their yard sale at the Historical Park on Saturday, June 30, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**07-155**

11A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-09 in the total amount of One Million, Eighty Five Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Forty Eight Cents (\$1,085,179.48).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Crova.  
Motion Carried.

**07-156**

11B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-09E in the total amount of Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$8,345.00)

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 14, 2007.

Linda R Choate R. Choate,  
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: June 7, 2007

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## 1. Obituaries

ARROWSMITH, Owen, age 67 of Wayne, died May 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Sandra. Dear father of Robert (Veronica), Chris (Julie), Jason (Lauren) and Kevin (Colleen).

Grandfather of Ryan, Alyssa, Grace, Jillian and Kiersten. Brother of Brian, Nephew of Thellen Deo. Owens desire was to be remembered as he was. Arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded. Family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Michigan Humane Society. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



COLLOP, Robert M. age 79 of Wayne died May 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Norma. Dear father of Michele (Alan) Schreier, Rebecca (Thomas) Bond, Robert Jr. (Kim), John (Jill), Julie (Jeff) Mataush, Patrick, Thomas (Kelly), William (Mary), David (Lori) and Laura (Alan) Bennett.

Brother of Margaret (Joseph) Damour and James Collop. Grandfather of 30. Great Grandfather of 8. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Wayne, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).

JOYCE, Lula Belle, age 85, died May 15, 2007. She was born June 18, 1921. Lula leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Emmett C. Porter (Linnell), Howard L. Joyce, Sr. (Maria), both of Detroit, MI.; four brothers, Howard Baxter (Louise) of Columbia, TN., Joe Baxter of Detroit, Judge Randolph Baxter (Yvonne) of Cleveland, OH, Johnnie Baxter of Detroit, MI.; a special brother-in-law, Frank Shipp of Detroit, MI, who was married to his sister Lou Willie, and one sister-in-law, Beverly Baxter of Columbia, TN. She leaves grandsons, Deric and Jason Shepard and Howard L. Joyce, all of Detroit, and Marcus Tally of Toledo, OH. Reacy and Raynard preceded her in death. Two special granddaughters, Regina Piper and Mia Joyce of Detroit, MI, nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Apostle Exetrick K. Wilson, Sr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

TEAGUE, Susan G. May 22, 2007 age 79 of Romulus. Beloved wife of the Orville C. Teague. Dear mother of Vivian Teague, Linea (Rev. John) Rathbun, Richard (Brenda) Teague, Ronald Teague and Timothy (Kim) Teague. Grandmother of 8, great grandmother of 17. Sister of Tressie Farris, Marshall Hubbard and Sherman Hubbard. Services were held at Garden City Church of God with Rev. Timothy Teague and Rev. John Rathbun officiating. Burial at Washtenong Memorial Park Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhtfuneralhome.com)

POWELL, Robert, age 82, of Ocala, FL., formerly of Wayne, MI., died May 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary Lou. Loving father of Darlene McKaig (Larry), Susan Mathis (Dave), Doug Powell, Deborah Szwajkowski (Paul), Kevin Powell (Darlene), Coreen Pelton and Bob Powell (Maureen). Grandfather of 24, great grandfather of 15. Memorial services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. The family requests that contributions be sent to Hospice of Marion Co., PO Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34978-4860. Arrangements entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

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DOUGLAS, Hazel Erve, age 94, died May 20, 2007. She was born September 11, 1912. She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Eddie Lee, Mona and Ruth; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren; three nieces, Flora Howard, Lubertha Maykin and Nola Beard; two nephews, Frank Erve and George Erve; a special CareGiver, Waneppie Halsey; and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Ronald P. Springer officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

WALKER, Leacher Jr., age 65, died May 16, 2007. He was born May 15, 1942. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Natalie "Nikki", daughters, Natasha Allen and Delena Pinkey; son, Roderick (Mary) Mims; grandchildren, Ashley, Cynthia and Kendall; great grandson, David; mother Carrie Walker; father and mother-in-law, Alphonso and Betty Williams; sister, Sondra (Charles) Rush. Funeral services were held at Penn

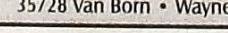
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RENFROE, Angelique J., age 14, died May 20, 2007. She was born August 20, 1992. She leaves a sister, Marketta (David) King; three brothers, Leon Walker Jr. (Janice), Antoine Walker (Laquita) and Shon Middlebrook; father figure, Bernie Mahlek; three nieces, six nephews, six aunts, three uncles, two great aunts and a host of cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Samuel Harris officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Garden, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

## 5. Announcements



WIGGINS, Larry W. Sr., age 59 of Carleton, died May 24, 2007. Beloved husband of Debra. Dear father of Larry W., Jr. (Mia), Dayna (Aaron) Oldenburg, Shantel (Brian) Bussey and Jake Jossey. Grandfather of 11. Also survived by 5 sisters. Final arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

WIGGINS 50th Wedding Anniversary "What God has joined together let no man put asunder". On June 8, 1957, that is exactly what Lubie and Rosalie Wiggins of Inkster, Michigan had vowed and believed in over the past 50 years of sharing love, laughter and tears. The couple met in Toledo, Ohio at Mercy Hospital where they both worked; Lubie as an intern and Rosalie as a Nurses Assistant in the newborn unit. On June 8, 1957 they married at Philips Chapel C.M.E. Church in Steubenville, Ohio. To this union they had nine children Lubie Albert (Al) (deceased), John, Leah (Marvin), Lisa (Larry), Joseph (Elizabeth), Linda (Duane), James (Marlena), Jay and Jason, and eight grandchildren Larry, Jamerson, Tyson, Denine, Alannah, Jamin, Lauren and DeAngelo. Lubie and Rosalie have been life long residents of Inkster for over 42 years. Lubie is a retired Medical Technologist of Oakwood Hospital and Rosalie is a retired Nurses Aid. They are faithful members of Womack Temple C.M.E. Church and devoted mem-

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Wednesday, June 13, 2007  
8:00AM  
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Wagon White  
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Tuesday, June 12, 2007  
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1B3ES47C1TD629286  
1996 Chev. Monte Carlo  
2Dr White  
2G1WX12X8T9300930  
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Van Blue  
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